the economic survey as they wisely did in the recent grant of the agricultural loan?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Labour legislation is a matter in which the first step has to be taken whereas in the case of relief of economic distress, we do not see the same necessity for scrutiny.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the exact nature of the scrutiny required?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Questions like the amount of labour employed, etc., have to be known beforehand. The Hon'ble Member himself have asked a series of supplementary questions with regard to the extent of forced labour, the amount of wages, etc. All these questions have to be ascertained to find out whether there is a necessity for labour legislation and to find out to what extent the State has to commit itself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any harm in fixing some tentative measure? The final questions can wait till after the report of the Economic Survey.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The question answers itself, Sir. It has the same risks.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If everything is left to the Economic Survey, I fear we may not be able to do anything.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Everything is not left to the Economic Survey. These questions are intimately connected with the economic condition of the people.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time do you expect to complete the survey?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—By the end of 1110.

Regarding the Economic Survey in the State.

135. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 6, dated 31st July 1933, regarding the economic policy of the State, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) at what stage the Economic Survey has now reached;

(b) the number of months since the department for the Survey was constituted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Please see answer to question No. 24.

(b) 13.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir. The sort of answering questions make it very very difficult for us to ask supplementary questions.

President.—Question No. 24 was answered only very recently. I think it must be within the Hon'ble Member's memory.

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Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased at least to give a list of question No. 24?

(A copy of the question was handed over to him).

There is nothing said about the completion of the survey here. Only the Nayarambalam Village is mentioned here. Am I to take it that the survey will be completed before the end of 1110 as the Hon'ble Member for Education said?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think the Government said the other day—I think it was question time or so—that they are pushing on with this work as rapidly as possible and that provision has been made only for 1110. They hope to complete the work before 1110.

Expenditure on Technical Education.

136. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 22, dated 31st July 1933, regarding expenditure on Technical Education, will the Government be pleased to give the information for which they said 'I want notice' and;

(b) state what they have done to raise the percentage of the allotment for Technical Education as forecasted in their statement 'It can be considered'?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes, by increased taxation provided that is feasible.

(b) Revision of the scheme of Technical Education is engaging the attention of the department along with which the question of providing more funds will be considered.

Regulation to restrict rubber cultivation.

137. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have in contemplation any Regulation to restrict the cultivation of rubber in the State;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the necessity for the contemplated legislation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) In order to control the production and export of rubber with a view to increasing its price the Government of all countries in which rubber is produced have reached an agreement to restrict the cultivation and export of rubber for five years.

Kundur-Kuzhur road—construction of.

138. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any representation from

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